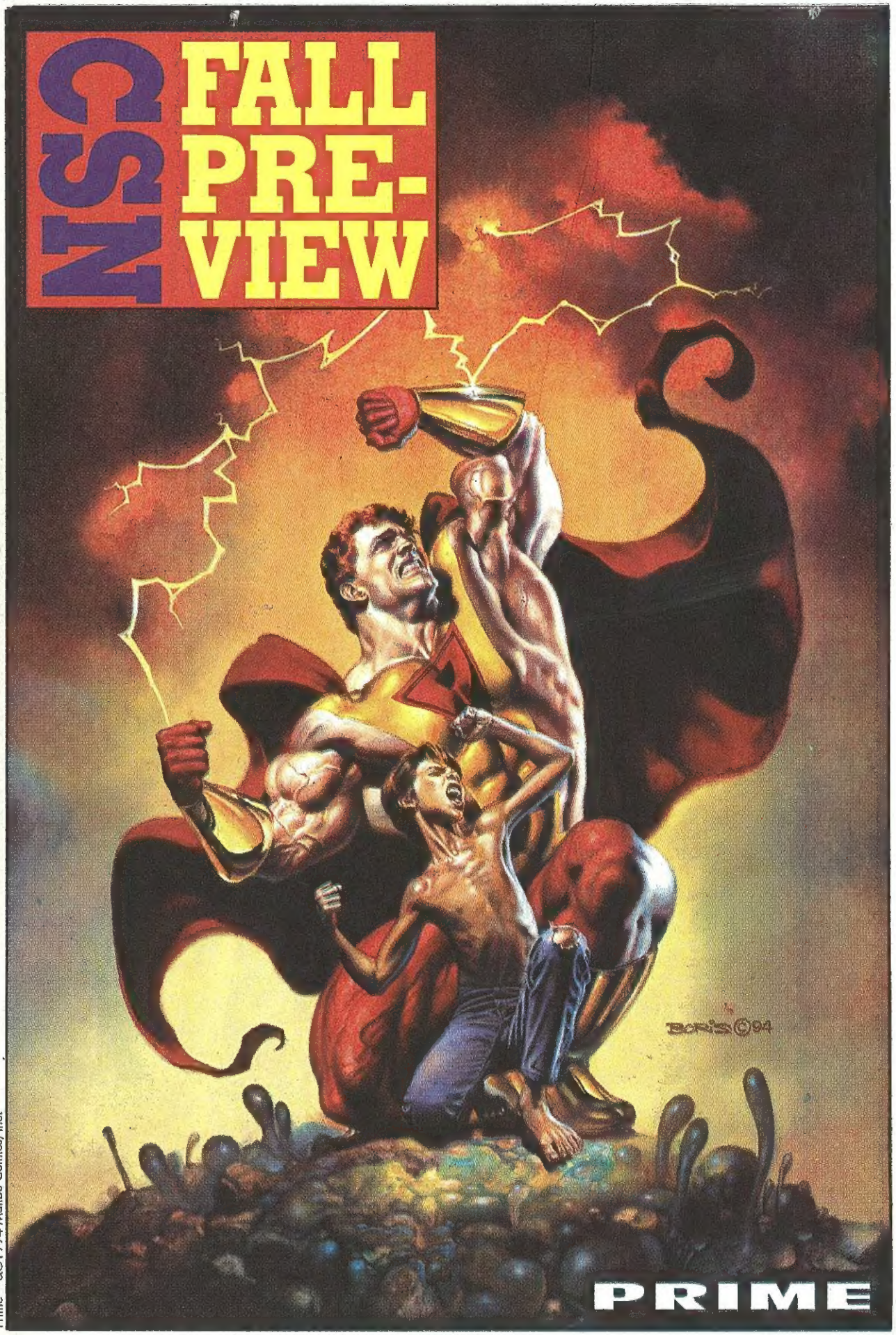

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Welcome to the ***Comic Shop News Fall 1994 Preview;*** in the next few pages, the staff of ***CSN*** will take a look at the highlights of the next three months in the comics field. Our goal, as always, is to keep our readers informed on new series, creative changes, major new storylines, significant events, or other items that might make a comic particularly noteworthy to collectors. There's no way we can cover every storyline in every comic, though, so if your favorite title isn't mentioned here, we encourage you to keep checking each weekly issue of ***Comic Shop News*** for the most up-to-date information about the comics field. Now, let's take a look at what you can expect during this eventful fall season!

ABSTRACT STUDIOS

Fans of the ***Strangers In Paradise*** mini-series can rejoice. ***Strangers in Paradise*** is returning this Fall as a regular ongoing series. Terry Moore continues the adventures of Katchoo, Francine, David, and their wonderful little world on a bimonthly basis from a brand new publisher. Everything picks up nine months after the mini series has ended, but just in time for fans who've been wanting more Moore. *(Sep-Nov $2.75)*

ACADEMY

You can stop looking to Malibu for the latest issue of ***Robotech,*** and start looking to newcomer Academy Comics instead.. All of your favorite Robotech titles including ***Aftermath, Return to Macross, The Sentinels,*** and more, have a new home. Plus, some new series will be joining the ranks this Fall. The continuing series will maintain the numbering from the Malibu published issues, and the creative teams will remain the same, headed up by long time ***Robotech*** enthusiasts John Waltrip and Bill Spangler. *(Sep-Nov $2.50-$2.95)*

A.D. VISION

The hot animated feature ***Burn Up!*** is heading towards comics courtesy of A.D. Vision (the same company that brought you the video) and Matt Greenfield, Ben Nunez, and Lorraine Reyes. This story is about the Police Officer of the Year, who really has trouble living up to that reputation. *(Nov $2.95)*

If ***Burn Up!*** isn't enough for you, then check out ***Sol Bianca***. This mature readers book from Matt Greenfield and Lorraine Reyes covers the story of some of the galaxy's most desirable space pirates. A terrific action-adventure science-fiction story based on the hit video. *(Nov, $2.95)*

ANTARCTIC PRESS

Dodekain is one of those giant robot stories that seem to capture the imagination of both the Japanese and Americans alike. True to form, this robot can only be controlled by a twelve year old child. Hence the origin and beginning of ***Dodekain*** the comic. *(Oct, $2.95)*

Antarctic has attracted the talents of some pretty wonderful people, and now their bringing you the latest work from Matt Howarth,est known for his ***Annoying Post Bros.*** Howarth is unveiling ***Konny and Czu*** this Fall at Antarctic. This 100%-guaranteed-no-human book focuses on the lives of some aliens and their rather unusual day to day activities. *(Sep, $2.75)*

Antarctic is going for the win/win scenario this fall with the release of the ***Gold Digger Graphic Novel***. If you are unfortunate enough to have never read Fred Perry's fun anime style series, then this is your chance to discover what you've missed with this reprinting of the first four issues. If you're already a fan of the series, then you know how difficult it is to find the first four issues, and here's your chance to pick them up. *(Oct, $9.95)*

Small Bodied Ninja High may take a while between issues, but that doesn't hurt the quality. ***SBNHS #3*** ships this September, only seven months after the second issue hit the stands, and will include the next two in the collector cards series that shipped with issue two back in February. *(Sep, $4.95)*

ARCHIE

Showing up a little early in your stocking this year is ***Archie's Christmas Stocking #2***. This 48-page special, shipping in November, contains a series of shorts that are designed to capture the flavor of the season. *(Nov, $2.00)*

Just in time for Halloween, the good witch of Archie is getting her own special. ***Sabrina's Holiday Spectacular #2*** isn't just limited to one holiday though, because Sabrina has to rescue every holiday from the evil with Della...and I thought I had a tough job. Also included in the forty-eight pages of fun is the return of the Carneys, who have a strange Thanksgiving tradition—which seems perfectly normal if you think about it. *(Oct, $2.00)*

ARIA PRESS

This fall, ***A Distant Soil*** enters the arena of all-new issues once again. Creator Colleen Doran has been re-issuing reworked versions of previously-published installments for the past couple of years but with issue twelve, ***A Distant Soil*** starts an all-new saga with new art *and* story. This is the end of reprints, and the beginning of an all-new era, as this science-fiction epic gathers new strength and draws in readers who have been waiting for this moment. *(Oct, $2.50)*

BANTAM BOOKS

Larry Gonick has a lofty ambition: he wants to tell us the history of the universe in a comic book—but not the universe that you read about in ***Zero Hour*** or any other superhero-metaphysical book. This history is the real thing. ***The Cartoon History of the Universe Volume Two*** will be released this fall, covering volumes 8-13 of this series. This section covers up through the Fall of Rome. No book has succeeded in making history as fun and engrossing as Gonicks.. *(Sep, $15.95)*

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BLACKLINE STUDIOS

This isn't your father's Oldsmobile. What it is in fact, is a new comic called ***Futuretech*** that combines an energetic science-fiction story with the challenges of big business. Car efficianados will want to take note, as this three issue miniseries features incredible action and incredible cars. *(Oct, $3.50)*

BONGO

Tis the season to be jolly—and possibly cut the head off of someone. ***Itchy and Scratchy's Holiday Hijinks Special #1*** is a book that tries to parody one of the classics of the Christmas, ***A Christmas Carol***—with, of course, the usual violent and sadistic edge... *(Nov, $2.25)*

It's the end of an era—or at least his first miniseries. ***Radioactive Man #1000*** is the sixth and final issue in this tongue-in-cheek parody book. This titanic tale reveals the final adventure of Radioactive Man, as he races into the nineties. All of your questions will be answered (you *do* have questions, don't you?), and many secrets will be revealed—including the all-new version of Radioactive Man's origin. All this is hidden behind yet another strikingly familiar cover. *(Oct, $2.25)*

CALIBER PRESS

If you like crime books that are less on the noir side, and more on the lines of something like ***Romeo is Bleeding***, then you need to check out the new one shot this fall, ***A.K.A. Goldfish: Ace***. This book focuses on dark characters with fully realized personalities, rather than snappy one liners and tough attitudes. There's still plenty of violence for everyone, though, so don't put away your splatter napkins just yet. *(Sep, $3.95)*

A new world has been slowly creeping into the comics scene for the past few months, and it's about to enter its second age. ***Big Bang Comics*** is a historical look at a comics world that never was, but you might have to check to make sure after you've read a couple of issues. ***Big Bang Comics #0,*** shipping in September, is designed to bring you into this comics world easily and smoothly. Starting the month after, ***Big Bang Comics*** moves into the Silver Age. *(Sep-Nov, 99¢-$1.95)*

Susie Owens is back in a new comic this fall with the release of ***Flaxen: Alter Ego.*** Like all good comic heroes, Flaxen must face her dark side, which manifests itself as Dark Flaxen. Back cover art is supplied by Adam Hughes. *(Sep, $2.95)*

Caliber is bringing out two new series based on classic literature this fall. The first is ***Frankenstein, or The Modern Prometheus,*** which is a faithful adaptation of the Mary Shelley novel of the same name. This full-color book from Caliber is the work of Eric Jackson, Charles Yates, and Allan Freeman. The striking cover is supplied by acclaimed artist Vince Locke. The ***Frankenstein*** film is guaranteed to build renewed interest in any retelling of Shelley's gothic tale... *(Oct, $2.95)*

If you've been reading the red-hot Shi series, then you've probably already had your first glimpse of Kabuki. This Fall, Kabuki stars in her own one shot from Caliber courtesy of creator David Mack. ***Kabuki: Fear the Reaper*** is the story of this Japanese governmental assassin and how she came to be. ***Kabuki*** will reappear in January in a three-issue series, but this is your chance to get in on the ground floor with a 48-page special. *(Nov, $3.50)*

If you prefer your stories a little more on the *other* side of reality, then you should look for the release of ***Oz #1*** this October. This isn't an adaptation of the original L. Frank Baum stories, but rather a continuation of the tales with a modern updating. Creators Ralph Griffen, Stuart Kerr, and Bill Bryan bring you an all-new story that introduces the new characters who seek to join the Freedom Fighters who want to restore Oz to freedom, but that won't be easy because the Good Witches are gone, Dorothy is missing, and Scarecrow, Tin Man, and the Lion have lost it—and to top it all off, Toto is gone, too! *(Oct-Nov, $2.95)*

Caliber gets its superhero line underway this fall with the debut of ***StormQuest #1.*** This six-issue series by Tom nd Mary Bierbaum, Greg land, and Jerry Foley introduces the StormQuest team and builds the foundation for what will be the core of the Sky Comics line from Caliber. *(Nov, $1.95)*

CFD

A new group in the comics field is ready to start playing. ***The New Order: Rage Against the Machine*** is more than just the name of two hit alternative bands, its also the tile of the new comic from CFD. This is a futuristic superhero book operating in a world with a corrupt world government. *(Nov, $2.95)*

CHAOS! COMICS

If you're looking for a big star in comics, then you need look no further than this title. Lady Death is one of the stars of the new ***Evil Ernie: Revenge*** series by Brian Pulido, Steven Hughes, and Jason Jensen, the same creative team that brought you Lady Death's own hit mini-series last year. Of course, the other main focus of this book is that rather demented young teen with genocide on his mind: Evil Ernie, star of two prior mini-series. The first issue of this new series comes with a special Lady Death centerfold by Catwoman artist Jim Balent. *(Oct-Nov, $2.95)*

DARK HORSE

Several years ago Chris Claremont and John Bolton produced a high fantasy epic story for the Marvel's Epic line That material has been unavailable for years, but is about to be reprinted in ***The Black Dragon Trade Paperback***. The new paperback will reproduce Bolton's detailed linework in black and white;; afterward, the characters from this series are going to appear in an upcoming novel by Chris Claremont. *(Sept, $14.95)*

Fans of the Dirty Pair to want to pick up the new ***Dirty Pair: Sim Hell*** trade paperback. This 104-page book collects Adam Warren and Haruka Takachiho's miniseries that took Kei and Yuri into the heart of the machine, and into the dreams of a twisted madman who just happens to obsess on the Lovely Angels. *(Nov, $12.95)*

If you weren't aware of it, Matt Wagner is working on the second ***Batman/ Grendel*** book, due out sometime in 1995. What makes this important in the ***CSN Fall 1994 Preview,*** though, , is that the ***Grendel Tales*** series is featuring a back-up story by Wagner that serves as the prequel to that book. ***Grendel Tales: Devils and Deaths*** is the new 2-issue story arc that has an old Grendel looking to die with honor and glory; these issues will contain part of Wagner's new backup story, making them even more desirable. *(Oct-Nov, $2.95)*

If you have the four issue mini series of Mike Mignola's ***Hellboy,*** but you feel like something is missing, then you have good instincts. Hellboy made his first appearance in the ***San Diego Comic Convention Special*** before graduating to his own book. To make it easy for Hellboy fans to get this rare story, it's being included in the ***Hellboy: Seeds of Destruction*** trade paperback out this Fall that collects all of the issues of the mini series along with the first story from the ***Con Special*** and the four page special from ***CBG.*** *(Sep, $17.95)*

Despite the name, this book is more than just a big nothing. ***Hero Zero #0*** is the new one shot starring the manga inspired hero from Comics. Greatest World, who faces his biggest challenge yet—a monster-sized mutant that dwarfs our 100-foot good guy. *(Sep, $2.50)*

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AND WITH THAT DEER RIFLE OF HIS, THE SNIPER HAS ALL THE RANGE HE WANTS.
BANG
HIS FIRST SHOT ISN'T CLOSE, BUT THAT WON'T LAST.
HE'S DITCHED THE SILENCER AND WHY THE HELL NOT? SPARE IT THE WEAR AND TEAR. NOBODY'S LISTENING BUT LIZARDS AND COYOTES, THIS FAR OUT OF TOWN.
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The most famous secret agent in the world is back this Fall in an all-new three-issue miniseries. ***James Bond 007: The Quasimodo Gambit*** is a new adventure by Don McGregor featuring fully painted art by Gary Caldwell. *(Sep-Nov $3.95)*

John Arcudi, the writer responsible for the Mask, brings you the story of one of the strangest heroes of Comics Greatest World, ***The Machine.*** This one shot looks inside the head of Avram Roman, a man who must question whether he is still human, or indeed has become the machine that he has taken fro his namesake. Hot newcomer Ted Naifeh supplies the art for tis ***Barb Wire***. spinoff adventure *(Nov, $2.50)*

The ***Predator Versus Magnus*** mini series is being collected into one volume courtesy of Dark Horse and Valiant comics. It's 64-pages of future excitement as Magnus has to decide whether he should save some scum from an alien hunter. *(Oct, $7.95)*

Manga fans have something decidedly different to look forward to this Fall. ***Rebel Sword***, the new series from Yoshikazu Yasuhiko, presents a modern story of rebellion and destiny in Istanbul. This series isn't a high concept science-fiction tale, but rather a historical style comic, capturing the feel of a grand epic. Yasuhiko is best known for his work on books like ***Venus Wars*** and ***Mobile Suit Gundam,*** but this time out he is moving away from space and onto our own world. ***(Oct-Nov, $2.95)***

The Shadow, star of this summer's film, is also the star of a new oneshot and a trade paperback. ***The Shadow: In The Coils of Leviathan*** is the tpb; it reprints the special 4-issue mini series featuring the talents of Joel Gross, Mike Kaluta, and Gary Gianni *(Oct, $13.95)*. Gross and Kaluta bring you the new ***Shadow and the Mysterious Three*** one-shot with are by a pair of French artist; this all-new volume contains three different stories in a 32-page book. *(Oct, $2.95)*

Frank Miller is shopping his Sin City series to various filmmakers—but until that happens, we can enjoy the comics. ***A Dame To Kill For,*** the second storyline in this terrific crime-noir series is being collected in both a trade paperback and a hardcover editions this fall. This reprint volume adds ten brand new story pages done specially far this package. Murder, lust, and betrayal are all integral parts of this tale, and therefore makes this book recommended for mature readers. ***(Nov, $15 TPB, $25 HC)***

There are twe other Sin City projects heading your way in November. ***Sin City: The Babe Wore Red*** is a collection of stories set in Frank Miller's hardcore *crime noir* world. This 32-page one-shot has three stories, including "The Babe Wore Red," which was originally serialized in the pages of ***Previews.*** *(Nov, $2.95)* ***Sin City: The Big Fat Kill*** is the new five issue story starring Dwight, the hero (?) of ***A Dame To Kill For.*** Those familiar with the Sin City world don't have to be told what this book is about—but if you're new to the idea, then all you need to know is that there are friends in the world that are worth killing for—and some people take that *very* literally. *(Nov, $2.95)*

Star Wars is once again reaching stellar heights in the fan circuit. The release of new books, the rumors of a new film series, and, of course, the great new comic line from Dark Horse have all helped to bring about its return. This Fall, Dark Horse will continue with its successful comic with the ***Star Wars: Tales of the Jedi—Dark Lords of the Sith*** mini series. Not only is this one of the longest titles in the ***Star Wars*** line, but it is also one of the most highly anticipated releases since the comic began. This six-issue mini series ties in tightly with the continuity of both the comics and the novels, as Tom Veitch, the writer of the ***Dark Empire*** series, and Kevin Anderson,the author of the ***Jedi Academy*** trilogy, combine talents to introduce the character who would later feature prominently in the Jedi Academy books. The series will feature art from hot newcomer Chris Gossett. Each copy of the first issue will come bagged with a ***Star Wars Galaxy*** card from Topps, previewing the new ***Star wars: Dark Empire II*** series. *(Oct-Nov, $2.50)*

Finishing off their film-adaptation reprint series, ***Classic Star Wars: Return of the Jedi*** will be available this Fall. This adaptation of the hit film by Archie Goodwin, Al Williamson, and Carlos Garzon will once again be available with all-new color by James Sinclair and a brand new cover by Adam Hughes. The first issue will also be shipped bagged with a Topps ***Star Wars Galaxy*** card previewing the ***Dark Empire II*** series. *(Oct, Nov, $3.50)*

Comics has proven itself a successful medium for far more than just spandex-clad superheroes, paving the way for books dealing with a variety of complex themes. ***The Tale of One Bad Rat*** is the gripping new work by acclaimed creator Bryan Talbot dealing with the ideas of child abuse, homelessness, and sexual abuse. The life of a young woman named Helen Potter is explored as she tries to find a home and a friend, and ends up with a trusted companion who lives in her shirt pocket—a small rat. This isn't a very pretty story, but it is beautifully told in a 4-issue series. The first issue will feature a special introduction by Neil Gaiman. *(Oct-Nov, $2.95)*

The showdown for control of Arcadia begins in ***X 68.*** The most popular of all the Comics Greatest World titles enters the aftermath of Will to Power, with a special guest appearance by Ghost. Writer Steven Grant teams with ***Ghost Special*** artists Matt Haley and Tom Simmons to begin the ultimate showdown in the streets of Arcadia. Where will it end? Probably in destruction... but whose? *(Oct-Nov, $2.50)*

DC

Yakko, Wakko, and Dot break into comics in ***Animaniacs: A Christmas Special,*** a one-shot featuring the animated series stars in typically zany action. The highlight is a wacky retelling of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," but that's not the only feature in this oneshot devoted to the Warner brothers and their Warner sister. *(Nov, $1.50)*

The Atom gets a second start in ***Atom Special #2***... but it's not *quite* the second start he might have hoped for. In the aftermath of ***Zero Hour***, the tiny titan finds himself a teenager once again, unsure of his own future. Unfortunately, forces from his past have their own plans... Tom Peyer and Luke McDonnell bring the Atom back to a more prominent role in the DC Universe in this 64-page special. *(Nov, $2.95)*

DC brings teevee to comics once again with ***Babylon 5***, a new ongoing series based on the critically-acclaimed Warner Bros. syndicated science fiction series. J. Michael Straczynski, (TV series creator and head writer) Michael Netzer, and Rob Leigh handle the creative honors on the premiere issue, which brings Commander Jeffrey Sinclair back to Earth, where information awaits him that will alter his life—and the future of Babylon 5—forever. *(Dec, $1.95)*

The Predators may have given their word that they would never attack Gotham City again—but one rogue Predator is determined to avenge his race's defeat at the hands of Batman. ***Batman Vs. Predator II: Bloodmatch***, a four-issue limited series by Doug Moench, Paul Gulacy, and Terry Austin pits the young Predator against Batman, the Huntress, and a pair of Predators who hope to save face by stopping the young rogue. This series promises to be the crossover event of the fall! *(Oct-Nov, $2.50)*

Doug Moench and Kelley Jones return to the vampiric world of ***Batman/Dracula: Red Rain*** in ***Batman: Bloodstorm.*** This 96-page hardcover graphic novel continues the dramatic story of Batman's transformation into a creature of the night; this time, his enemy is the Joker, who's leading a gang of blood-drinkers of his own. *(Nov, $24.95)*

Batman and Frankenstein merge in a strange amalgam in ***Batman: Castle of the Bat,*** an Elseworlds graphic novel by Jack C. Harris and Bo Hampton. In this appropriately gothic tale, Bruce Wayne discovers his dead father's experiments with the regeneration of life—but things go wrong and he creates a horrifying Man-Bat. Now, can Bruce Wayne bring himself to destroy the creature that was once his father? *(Nov, $5.95)*

Catwoman stars in her first original graphic novel this fall—and the felonious feline's adventure is written by none other than best-selling novelist Eric Van Lustbader! ***Batman: The Last Angel*** turns the tables: thanks to an ancient Aztec Bat-god, it's a possessed Batman who is the thief, and it's up to Catwoman to stop him before he commits a heinous crime. Lee Moder and Scott Hanna supply the art for this 96-page graphic novel, while Hugo-winning artist Don Maitz makes his DC cover debut. *(Sep, $12.95)*

DC calls on Jeph Loeb and Tim Sale for a second annual Halloween Special that's just as compelling and powerful as last year's. ***Batman: Madness—A Legends of the Dark Knight Halloween Special*** offers a tale from Batman's past that co-stars the teenage Barbara Gordon, who finds herself the prisoner of the Mad Hatter. ***(Oct, $4.95)***

Batman Adventures #25 is an extra-length issue that features the first meeting of Superman and Batman within the animated-series-inspired framework. Lex Luther and Maxie Zeus are on hand to supply the necessary villainy to bring these two heroes together, and Kelly Puckett, Mike Paebeck, and Rick Burchett are on hand to ensure that a good time is had by all. *(Sep, $2.50)*

Batman Adventures Annual #1 features an all-star creative team (Paul Dini, Mike Parobeck, Bruce Timm, and Matt Wagner) and an intriguing Batman tale focusing on the time when some Batman's greatest foes almost went straight. You won't want to miss this one: Dini and Timm recently won a Harvey Award for their work on last year's acclaimed ***Batman Adventures: Mad Love***. *(Sep, $2.95)*

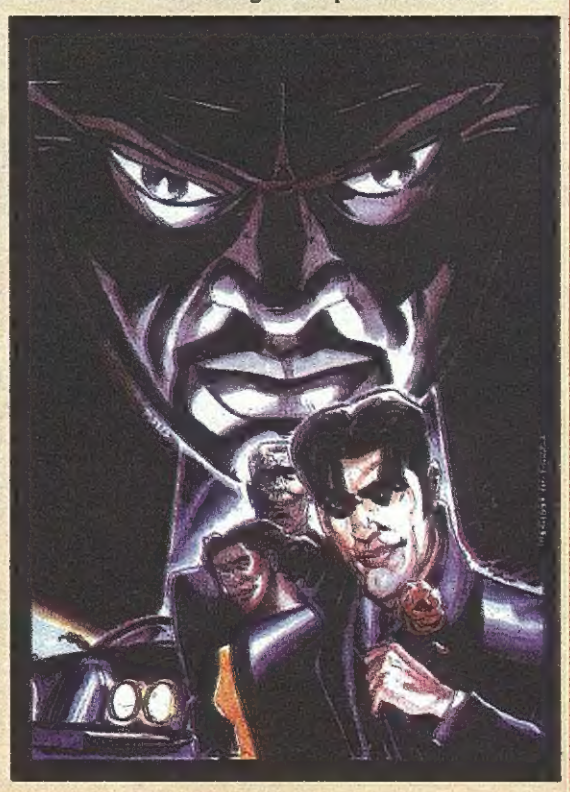
Vertigo goes criminal with ***Mobfire,*** a dark look at the London underworld, where organized crime and arcane mysticism meet. Jack Kellor, heir to London's most powerful mob family, wants to go straight—but his right-hand mage, the Bocor, has different plans... *(Oct-Nov, $2.50)*

DC rolls out their new Paradox Press imprint this fall with the introduction of Factoid Books, a line of hefty 200+ page trade paperbacks devoted to offbeat subjects with a strong mass appeal. The first volume is ***The Big Book of Urban Legends,*** offering 200 stories that everyone claims to be true (you know... "I know someone who knew someone that this happened to..."). Contributors include Robert Loren Fleming, Art Adams, Terry Austin, Jackson Guice, Kevin Maguire, Mike Mignola, Ty Templeton, and others. While these books will have strong civilian appeal, they're also going to be very popular with sophisticated comics readers looking for something more than superhero adventure. *(Nov, $12.95)*

Paradox Press' third sub-imprint, Paradox Fiction, debuts in early December with ***Brooklyn Dreams,*** a four-issue limited series by J.M. DeMatteis and Glenn Barr. ***Brooklyn Dreams*** is the deeply personal, introspective, and fantastic look into the mind of one man, who reflect on his life and his dreams in a compelling semi-stream-of-consciousness tale. Each issue features 96 pages of story and art in the Paradox Compact Format. *(Dec, $4.95)*

Damage goes on trial this fall for the devastation he caused in Atlanta—and as a result of his trial, he'll be relocating and joining the New Titans. Meanwhile, the secrets of Damage's past continue to unfold this fall and this winter in "Fragments", a five-issue story arc running through ***Damage #s 8-12***—and by the time it's all over, fans will know who his parents were, both biologically and genetically, and exactly what is the nature of his powers. *(Sep-Nov, $1.95)*

Deathwish stars the brutal vigilante hero first introduced in ***Hardware #s 5-7***; this time, he's working with a police detective to track down a serial killer who preys on transvestite prostitutes. Adam Blaustein, J.H. Williams, and Jimmy Palmiotti present a compelling, mature tale of terror and psychosis that also offers a frank look at sexual identity in contemperary society. *(Nov, $2.50)*



Face, a Vertigo one-shot by Peter Milligan and Duncan Fegredo, begins as a story of a routine plastic surgery...

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but things soon become far from routine when Andrew Sphinx's plastic surgery becomes the beginning point of a nightmarish odyssey for Dr. David Scholem and his young wife. *(Nov, $4.95)*

The inheritor of the Dr. Fate role stars in his own solo series, appropriately entitled ***Fate.*** The helmet is gone, though, and in its place is a deadly blade—and the new Fate knows how to use it! The mystical elements are still here, but there's a stronger emphasis on action and adventure in this new series. *(Ssep-Nov, $1.95)*

Zero Hour spawns a *third* Justice League spinoff title this season when ***Extreme Justice*** debuts. This series stars Captain Atom, Maxima, Blue Beetle, Booster Gold, and the new Amazing Man, who have decided it's time to take on evil with whatever force is necessary. The rules are out when this team goes into action. Dan Vado, Marc Campos, and Ken Branch, the creative team from ***Justice League America***, handle the honors on this new monthly title. *(Nov, $1.50)*

"Terminal Velocity" is the major storyline running through ***Flash*** through this fall and on into the winter; by the time it's over in ***Flash #100,*** there will be dramatic changes in the Flash mythos—and it's very possible that there will be a new Flash carrying on the proud tradition! Wally West has to come to terms with important discoveries he made during ***Zero Hour***—and he has to prepare Bart Allen for the possibility that he might be the one and only Flash... *(Sep-Nov, $1.50)*

The Guardians of Metropolis puts the spotlight on some of the members of Superman's supporting cast. It's the classic Kirby characters of the Guardian and the Newsboy Legion who graduate to starring status this time. This series by Karl Kesel and Kieron Dwyer will reveal some of the secrets about the Guardian's past in a story that ranges from Earth to Apokolips. *(Sep-Nov, $1.50)*

Hawkman underwent major changes during ***Zero Hour,*** and the effects of those changes will continue to play an important part in the monthly ***Hawkman*** title. Each issue will reveal more information about the hero's new powers and his current role in the DC Universe. *(Sep-Nov, $1.95)*

Will there still be an Icon to star in Icon once the fall is over? It doesn't look that way! In the current storyline, Icon returns to his home planet, leave Rocket without a partner... until she begins her search for a new comrade in arms in ***Icon #21.*** Dwayne McDuffie, Mark Bright, and Mike Gustovich guarantee that fans are going to be surprised by the outcome of this startling story arc. *(Sep-Nov, $1.75)*

Judge Dredd stars in his second DC series beginning this fall; ***Judge Dredd: Legends of the Law*** features Dredd adventures chronicled by rotating creative teams, *a la* ***Batman: Legends of the Dark Knight.*** the first four-parter, "The Organ Donors," is written by John Wagner (Dredd's creator) and Alan Grant and illustrated by Brent Anderson and Jimmy Palmiotti. *(Oct-Nov, $1.95)*

Grant Morrison and Philip Bond take readers on a bizarre road trip through modern Britain in ***Kill Your Boyfriend,*** a Vertigo one-shot that follows a bookish student and a rebellious tattooed delinquent as they travel across the countryside on board a psychedelic double-decker bus. DC describes this one as "a road movie like ***Magical Mystery Tour***—if David Lynch had directed it." If anyone can produce a story strange enough to live up to that description, it's Grant Morrison!... *(Dec, $4.95)*

Paradox Press' second offering this fall is the also a first. In this case, it's ***La Pacifica,*** the premiere title in the Paradox Mystery line, published in a compact 96-page black and white format. Duncan Cooper, survivor of a killing spree at La Pacifica motel, begins to investigate the life of the madman who nearly killed him—and he soon discovers the presence of an enigmatic, beautiful woman who seems to leave behind a string of mad mass murderers wherever she goes. ***La Pacifica*** is written by novelist/screenwriter Joel rose and screenwriter/director Amos Poe and illustrated by Tayyar Ozkan. *(Dec, $4.95)*

Manhunter stars Chase Lawler, a man who hopes to stop the Wild Huntsman from destroying lost souls—even if it means that the Manhunter has to destroy those victims first! Steven Grant and Vince Giarrano handle the creative honors for this hard-edged action series with strong supernatural overtones. *(Sep-Nov, $1.95)*

Maggie Sawyer and her Special Crimes Unit star in ***Metropolis SCU***, a new four-issue limited series by Cindy Goff, Peter Krause, and Jose Marzan, Jr. Lois Lane joins the team to gather background material for an in-depth story about the elite squad—and as you might expect, where there's Lois, there's sure to be Superman! *(Oct-Nov, $1.50)*

Mr. Punch, a Vertigo graphic novel by Neil Gaiman and Dave McKean, is a moody, evocative tale of a young man's memories of a strange summer spent at his grandfather's seaside arcade—and a strange Punch and Judy Man and a woman who makes her living playing a mermaid who help the young boy confront dark family secrets. DC is publishing only 15,000 copies of this hardcover graphic novel, and there are no plans to reprint it, so Vertigo fans should make sure to latch onto it when they have the chance. *(Nov, $24.95)*

Primal Force, the mystic-oriented superteam that grew out of ***Zero Hour,*** continues in its own monthly title courtesy of Stephen Seagle, Ken Hooper, and Barb Kaalberg. Those who have seen this title have described is as a superhero book with Vertigo overtones; try it and see what you think. *(Sep-Nov, $1.95)*

After the events of Zero Hour, ***LEGION '94*** is no more—but ***REBELS '94*** takes their place in the DC line-up. Many of the former LEGION members, including Vril Dox, Lobo, and Stealth are part of the membership of this new team of outcasts who are on the run from the LEGION. Green Lantern guest stars in the first issue. *(Sep-Nov, $1.95)*

Sgt. Rock, Mademoiselle Marie, Johnny Cloud, and the Haunted Tank are back in action in ***Sgt. Rock Special #2,*** a 64-pager written by Chuck Dixon and illustrated by Eduardo Barreto, Brian Bolland, Russ Heath, Howard Chaykin, and Graham Nolan. *(Nov, $2.95)*

John Ney Rieber and John Van Fleet present a compelling tale of a man in search of his own soul in ***Shadows Fall,*** a six-issue Vertigo miniseries that may be the fall's most haunting tale. Fifteen years ago, Warren Gale lost his soul—but now, he hopes to regain control over it before it causes more death and madness. *(Sep-Nov, $2.95)*

Whereas ***Showcase '93*** and ***Showcase '94*** focused on members of Batman's supporting cast, ***Showcase '95*** turns the attention to Superman's co-stars. Supergirl stars in the first story arc, written by Charles Moore and illustrated by Stuard Immonen and Wade Von Grawbadger. Backing stories will continue to star heroes and villains from all over the DC Universe. *(Dec, $2.50)*

Starman is another ***Zero Hour*** alumnus who stars in an all-new post-***Zero Hour*** series—and believe us, James Robinson and Tony Harris have created a Starman quite different from the original! Jack Knight has no desire to carry on the family superhero tradition—but he's the only able-bodied Knight left standing after The Mist's brutal attack! This series presents an intriguing look at the concept of the reluctant hero. *(Sep-Nov, $1.95)*

Classic Trek meets Next Generation in ***Star Trek: Generations,*** the newest film entry in the Star Trek canon. Where there's a film, there's also a comic book adaptation; this one is produced by Michaelo Jan Friedman and Gordon Purcell, and it chronicles the historic first meeting of the two captains of the Enterprise. *(Nov, $5.95 for prestige format, $3.95 for new format)*

Star Trek Special #2 takes an intriguing look into the past as the long-lost starship Defiant, which disappeared into a dimension rift in the TV episode "The Tholian Web," returns. The reappearance of the ship threatens the tenuous peace between the Federation and the Tholians, so the Federation wants the Defiant salvaged and forgotten as soon as possible... but it may not be that easy. *(Dec, $3.95)*

Star Trek meets ***Star Trek*** in ***Star Trek: The Next Generation/Star Trek: Deep Space Nine,*** a four-part crossover series co-published by DC and Malibu (Malibu's two issues are appropriately entitles ***Star Trek: Deep Space Nine/Star Trek: The Next Generation***). Something has destabilized the Wormhole, and the Enterprise is called in to aid Deep Space Nine in investigating the enigma. Michael Jan Friedman writes the DC issues, Mike W. Barr writes the Malibu issues, and Gordon Purcell and Terry Pallot illustrate the whole shebang. *(Oct-Nov, $2.50)*

Star Trek: The Next Generation— Shadowheart is a new miniseries that picks up where an episode of the television series left off. Worf must help to save a Klingon colony from attack by an underground movement of the planet's indigenous life-forms—a movement headed by Nikolia Rozhenko, Worf's human foster brother from the ***ST:TNG*** episode "Homeward." *(Nov, $1.95)*

Whose body is in Superman's tomb? That's the question that'll keep fans guessing this fall. Superman sets out to discover the explanation for the Superman corpse found beneath the tomb—because if that corpse is the *true* Man of Steel, then who is the current Superman? This story runs through ***Action, Adventures of Superman, Superman,*** and ***Superman: Man of Steel*** this fall, proving that just when you think you're figured it all out, the Superman team can pull out a few more surprises! *(Sep-Nov, $1.50@)* The Swamp Thing's journey has been strange enough, but it gets even stranger in ***Swamp Thing #150.*** This 48-page special introduces a dramatic change in Swamp Thing's status as the Earth Elemental, and gives hints about the strange events that will befall him in months to come. *(Dec, $2.95)*

DC's trade paperback and hardcover reprint volumes for the fall include ***Justice League of America Archives Volume 3***, reprinting ***JLA #s 15-22*** *(Nov, $49.95)*; ***Legion of Super-Heroes Archives Volume 5***, featuring the Legion stories by Jim Shooter, Curt Swan, and others that originally appeared in ***Adventure Comics #s 340-349*** *(Sep, $49.95)*; and ***The Sandman: Brief Lives,*** a trade paperback version of last summer's hardcover collection of stories from ***Sandman #s 41-49*** *(Nov, $19.95)*.

Now here's a unique collectible! ***The Vertigo Tarot Card and Book Set*** features a full tarot deck illustrated by Dave McKean and featuring a variety of Vertigo characters. The 116-page hardcover guidebook that accompanies the deck is written by ***Doom Patrol***'s Rachel Pollack, an internationally acclaimed tarot expert; Neil Gaiman supplies the introduction. The book and card set is packaged in a full color gift box designed by McKean. DC is offering this unique item only once, and you can expect prices to soar once this collectible sells out... *(Nov, $50)*

Big changes are in store for Wonder Woman; for one, there'll be a new Wonder Woman to serve as the epitome of Amazonian ideals, leaving Diana to find her own superheroic identity. The story runs through ***Wonder Woman #s 0, 92,*** and ***93,*** and continues into ***Justice League America #95.*** *(Sep-Nov, $1.50@)*

DRAWN AND QUARTERLY

Those fans of Chester Brown are going to have mixed feelings about the release of ***I Never Liked You.*** On the one hand, this 192-page book collects the entire ***Yummy Fur*** serial of the same name in one volume. On the other hand, it is a painful reminder that this collects the *final* ***Yummy Fur*** serial in one volume. In either case, its a great collection for the mature reader. *(Nov, $12.95-also available as $27 hardcover)*

ENTITY

Entity up the ante with the release of ***Aster #1.*** The talents of newcomer Oliver Isabedra highlight this science-fiction based superhero story, which brings conflict from the stars in the form of the title character, who has the power to destroy entire planets—which also happens to be his job, should he ever regain *his memory.* *(Oct-Nov, $2.95)*

If you missed the issues of the hard to find ***Zen: The Hunted*** miniseries, then you'll want to keep your eyes open for the trade paperback collection. This 80-page book reprinting the ***Zen: Intergalactic Ninja*** comic from creators Bill Maus and Mike Taylor will also include a special sneak preview of the upcoming ***Nira X: Cyber Angel*** mini series, featuring an all-new female superhero. *(October $6.95)*

EVENT

The red-hot Joe Quesada and his partner in comics Jimmy Palmiotti have gone beyond creating their own book: they've created their own company! ***Ash #1,*** the first title from Event, introduces the latest in comic heroes as a firefighter finds himself imbued with incredible powers that make him something more than human. The centerspread of the first issue is a poster by superstar artist Barry Windsor-Smith, and a special wrap around cover by Quesada and Palmiotti. *(Nov, $2.50)*

FANTAGRAPHICS

Jim Woodring's critically acclaimed Frank stories are being collected into a 120-page trade paperback this fall, gathered from the likes of ***Tantalizing Stories, Jim, Pictopia, Snake Eyes, Hyena,*** and other places, You can experience these strange, fun, and wonderful stories for the first time or all over again in this one place. *(Sep, $14.95)*

He's been gone for over half a year, but this Fall Peter Bagge returns to comics with the release of ***Hate #16.*** The new ***Hate*** has something that it has lacked up to this point: full color. Even better, Fantagraphics is promising to get ***Hate*** out on a five times a year schedule from here on out. Well, the future can't be guaranteed, but October promises at least one dose of ***Hate*** for you to enjoy as Buddy and Lisa move out west to discover the entire Bradleys clan. *(Oct, $2.95)*

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GALAXINOVELS

This series of prose fiction with illustrations by some of comics biggest names continues with the release of ***Killzone.*** There will be two versions of ***Killzone*** available, one without and one with a special trading card. ***Killzone*** is written by John Christopher, with art by talents like Stephen Platt, Ron Lim, Dan Panosian, and many others. *(Oct, $2.95/$3.95)*

HAMILTON COMICS

They're dynamic, hot, and impossible to find at the toy store,—but you'll find them at your comic shop this fall! ***The Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers*** finally make their comic debut. Straight from the television to a hit comic series, these color-coded warriors fight giant monsters on a monthly basis in stories written by duck author and ***Comics Revue*** editor Don Markstein. *(Nov, $1.95)*

HARRIS

If you've been wondering what happened to some of Harris' other comics besides ***Vampirella,*** then you're not alone. This fall, one of your answers will be waiting for you. The conclusion to the ***Cain*** mini series will finally hit the stands in September, courtesy of David Quinn and Hannibal King. As a bonus, the flip side of this same book will feature a reprint of the first Harris Vampi story from ***The 1994 Creepy Fearbook***; the story by Kurt Busiek and Art Adams appears here in color for the first time. *(Sep, $6.95)*

Things are about to get *very* shaken up in the Harris universe, and everything will come out of the pages of ***Chains of Chaos***. This 3-issue series will reintroduce The Rook to the world of Vampirella, and will reveal more than has ever been known about the sultry would-be vampire. If you're a fan of Vampi, current incarnation or old, you'll want to pick this series up to discover what truth lies beneath the covers. *(Nov, $2.95)*

IMAGE COMICS

Leaping from the pages of ***Kindred*** is ***Backlash.*** Half of the team that made ***Kindred*** such a success, Backlash is back to star in his own ongoing series. Backlash is living the rough life, trying to save the woman he loves from Daemonite possession. *(Oct-Nov, $1.95)*

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If you like your comics lighter side up, the you'll want to reserve a place for ***Badrock and Company.*** This 6-issue miniseries has a premise that isn't really that complex: Badrock leaps out of the pages of ***Youngblood*** and runs around the Image universe meeting some of the the other big tough guys who have popped up all over the place. Naturally, fighting ensues. A variety of writers, including Keith Giffen, Andy Mangels, and Tom & Mary Bierbaum, join forces with newcomer Todd Nauck to bring you this fun-filled fracas. *(Sep-Nov, $2.50)*

If you've been waiting patiently to see things in ***Black and White***, then you can end your wait in October. This 3-issue series from Art and Pamela Thibert focuses on the lives of two tough vigilantes who take the law into their own hands. Nothing could be simpler to them than finding the guilty and punishing them as they deserve. Oh, by the way, the series is presented in color, despite the name. *(Oct-Nov, $1.95)*

Now that we've had some time to get to know the Image characters, it's time to find out who they are. ***Battlestone*** is the story of how one warrior went from being a killing machine to leading Youngblood to throwing in with project Born Again and taking the reins of Brigade. This series presents two issues of historic action from Marat Michaels, Eric Stephenson, and Rob Liefeld. *(Nov, $2.50)*

He did it with Jim Lee, so now he's going back to reunite with Marc Silvestri once more. Chris Claremont comes on board for three issues of ***Cyberforce.*** The Huntsman returns in ***Cyberforce #9*** to take them—and you—on an adventure that will change everything. Claremont and Silvestri had one of the longest and best remembered runs on ***X-men,*** so the magic is right—and it's available once more for a limited time. *(Nov, $1.95)*

Erik Larsen is taking Dart's former partner Kill Cat away from annoying the gang at Freak Force and putting him in his own series. Andy Smith and Randy Eliot bring you adventures of ***Kill-Cat*** and his new partner—whether he wants him or not—the Kid Avenger. This is serious fun for even the most casual of readers. *(Nov, $2.50)*

It's time for the crossover season, and Freak Force wants in on the action. ***Freak Force #9*** guest stars Cyberforcein a high-energy story with the usual liberal dose of light-hearted adventure. *(Sep, $1.95)*

If you want to understand everything that's going to happen in the pages of Prophet, then you should pick up the ***Prophet Sourcebook.*** Everything that you might want to know about the enigmatic John Prophet is revealed to you in this one book. This special reference features the talents of Rob Liefeld, Stephen Platt, Dan Fraga, and many others. *(Oct, $2.95)*

Spawn #s 19 and ***#20*** have become some thing of a legend in comic shops across the country, simply because they don't exist... yet. Well, in October both issues are going to ship, and Todd has brought in some help to get the job done. Tom Orzechowski, Andy Grossberg, Greg Capullo, and Mark Pennington are throwing in together to tell the story in these slightly late issues. *(Oct, $1.95@)*

Supreme is starring in his own miniseries this fall. No, this isn't just another modern-day Supreme adventure., ***Supreme: Glory Days*** is a 2-issue series that tells the story of Supreme during the final days of World War II. Find out why Supreme has been called the greatest hero of all—when he's sane, that is... *(Oct-Nov, $2.95)*

Before they had powers, some people were already on the road to being a hero. ***Team 7*** reveals the hidden past shared by Grifter, Backlash, Deathblow, Lynch, and Dane. Almost twenty years ago, these heroes of today were fighting as covert agents in some of the hottest spots on Earth. Find out what took them from hero to super in this four-issue miniseries. *(Oct-Nov,$2.50)*

If your name is Troll, then you have a natural affinity for Halloween. It doesn't matter if you are the fun-loving adventurer from the pages of ***Youngblood,*** because the ***Troll Halloween Special*** is sure to be a frightening experience for everyone involved. Well, at least it'll be frightening for Maxx and Julie, who discover what happened to Jack the Ripper in this eerie tale. *(Oct, $2.95)*

Wetworks Sourcebook #1 gives the details on the heroes and other characters from this hard-hitting action series. This book contains 32-pages of pin-ups and information by a host of talented artists from Wildstorm Productions. *(Sep, $2.50)*

Never has an Image book been so animated. ***WildCATs Adventures #1*** is the comic based on the animated television series that was based on the Jim Lee comic. Jeff Mariotte and Ty Templeton combine talents to bring the story of the show to comic form. Both the show and the comic will arrive in September, so set your VCR and get to your comic shop. *(Sep-Nov, $2.50)*

Rob Liefeld presents the definitive Youngblood origin tale this season, and he's called on capable help in this endeavor. Liefeld has turned to the Kurt Busiek, the writer behind the ***Marvels*** smash hit series,

to take us back to the beginning of the Youngblood team. ***Youngblood Year One*** is the new miniseries that reveals the history and behind the scenes information that forged the number one team in the Image universe. *(Nov, $2.50)*

IMMORTAL

Originally announced as an Axis title, ***Dethgrip*** has found a new home following Axis' demise. You can expect to see ***Dethgrip,*** the new title from Beau Smith and Jim Callahan, coming out from Immortal Comics. This series ties in directly with Axis Alpha and Tribe. *(Sep-Nov, $2.50)*

KITCHEN SINK

The time to revel in the Christmas Spirit is approaching—and we mean that quite literally! ***The Christmas Spirit*** is a collection of the classic Spirit stories from Will Eisner from 1940 through 1951. Each and every story is a joy to behold, and are reproduced here in their original strip color. This 72-page softcover also includes a new introduction by Will Eisner. *(Nov, $16.95)*

MALIBU/BRAVURA

Jim Starlin's science-fiction/ horror comic miniseries ***Breed*** graduates to trade paperback this season. The first four issues of the mini series have been recolored to match the last two issues, and the collection will feature an interview with Starlin, a Starlin Top Ten List, sketches, and much more. *(Sep, $12.95)* And if that's not enough, then keep your eyes open for the sequel, appropriately entitled ***Breed II: The Book of Revelation.*** This 6-issue miniseries explores the identity of Raymond Stoner, and puts him into conflict with a bevy of demonic brothers and sisters that he probably wouldn't want to invite to the reunion. Starlin is back to once again write and draw this newest horror adventure series. *(Nov, $2.95)*

In a city that is virtually ruled by crime, it takes a special man to try to bring it to justice. Trust Marv Wolfman and Shawn McManus to bring you that man,***The Man Called A-X.*** This 5-issue miniseries introduces a man who has no idea who he really is, but he knows that he must follow his quest of vengeance if he has any hope of finding the answers to the questions that plague him. *(Nov, $2.95)*

The Power and Glory mini series from Howard Chaykin will be seeing all-new glory this fall with the release of the trade paperback. The entire series is reprinted in this 128-page volume, along with an interview with Chaykin, Chaykin's Top Ten List, sketchbook designs, and more. *(Oct, $12.95)*

Two of the people who helped make the Justice League a successful revival team up once again to bring you an all-new superteam. ***Strikeback!*** is the new six issue mini series set to debut in October, featuring the talents of Jonathan Peterson and Kevin Maguire. This light-hearted adventure series will contain enough action and smiles—not to mention terrific art by one of comics most elusive talents—to keep everyone striking back for more. *(Oct-Nov, $2.95)*

MALIBU

One is never enough. There will be a second ***Mortal Kombat*** comic series starting up this September, and it will only last for three-issues, so plan ahead. ***Mortal Kombat: Goro, Prince of Pain*** is a martial arts adventure by Charles Marshall and Roy Burdine that focuses on one of the baddest of the bad, the large, four armed terror, Goro. Some of Mortal Kombat II's characters make their first comics appearance in these pages. *(Sep-Nov, $2.95)*

The first issue of ***Mortal Kombat*** let you discover exactly how and why all of your favorite characters from this violent video game got involved in this conflict. But before that, you haven't a clue, huh? Well, trust it to Malibu and the Mortal Kombat team to let you in on those secrets, too. ***Mortal Kombat #0*** sets the stage for setting the stage for the biggest fight on Earth. *(Nov, $2.95)*

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine—Lightstorm is the sequel to the hit ***Hearts and Minds*** miniseries from earlier this year, This series ties in to the upcoming ***Generations*** film, so it's a must-have for Trek fans. *(Nov, $3.50)*

There may be no more ***Next Generation*** on the small screen now that the series has left the television realm to ***Deep Space Nine,*** but that won't keep the ST:TNG crew from continuing to make an impact in the Star Trek Universe. In fact,the crew of the Enterprise, along with the ***Deep Space Nine*** crew, are about to make quite an impact, with the release of the cross-over comic from Malibu and DC. DC's version is ***Star Trek: The NExt Generation/Star Trek: Deep Space Nine,*** while Malibu's version is ***Star Trek: Deep Space Nine/Star Trek: The Next Generation.*** Two issues of this tale will be published by Malibu, and two will come from DC. It starts with the DC #1, and then moves over to the Malibu #1, and the back to DC, and then finally back to Malibu to wrap the whole thing up. (Got it?!) The Malibu portion of the story is being written by Mike Barr with art by Gordon Purcell and Terry Pallot; see the DC listing for info on their creative team. *(Oct-Nov, $2.50)*

MALIBU/ ULTRAVERSE

If Prime isn't a big enough hero to keep you captivated, then maybe you need another one—and this time, let's make it a woman. ***Elven #0*** reprints the first appearance of this powerful woman as it appeared in her four-part story in ***Ultraverse Premiere***. ***Prime*** writer Len Strazewski and artists Greg Lusinak, Tim Roddick, and Bob Wiacek tell the 48-page origin of this character who will share the spotlight with Prime in an upcoming mini-series. Also included in this volume are the original design sketches by artist Norm Breyfogle. *(Oct, $1.95)*

The villain who made Sludge not such a dirty word stars in his own special this season. ***Lord Pumpkin #0*** is a special 40-page issue by Dan Danko, Aaron Lopresti, and Gary Martin, that presents an all-new story. This is no reprint, but a brand new tale arriving just in time for Halloween... and everyone knows that you need a pumpkin for Halloween. *(Oct, $2.50)*

If you thought that Norm Breyfogle was gone from Prime, then think again. ***Prime Annual #1*** features a new story that not only features the art of Norm Breyfogle, but also the cover art of Boris Vallejo and the debut of the new Prime. Everything changes for the most powerful Ultra in this special 64-page issue brought to you by Gerard Jones, Len Strazewski, and Breyfogle. *(Oct, $3.95)*

The Hostile Takeover storyline reaches its climax in ***Giant Size Prototype #1***l. There are guest stars aplenty in this issue, including Night Man, Solitaire, and The Solution. This issue will also have a back-up story featuring Ranger and Arena. *(Sep, $2.50)*

If you've been enjoying Barry WIndsor-Smith's exciting ***Rune*** series, then you won't want to miss ***Giant Size Rune #1***. This special story by Smith and Chris Ulm takes Rune to the next level as he

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must begin to feed exclusively on Ultras—and they aren't too happy about it. There is also a special back-up story by Smith that tells how Rune got ahold of his Star Stones. *(Sep, $2.50)*

The first Ultras are back for the very first time. ***The Squad*** is getting its own miniseries, spinning out of the pages of ***Hardcase***—except that their exploits (and their demise) predates ***Hardcase #1.*** This is your chance to see what started the world of superpowers before the Jump-start ever hit. Each issue of this introductory series will be numbered zero (#0-A, 0-B, 0-C, and 0-D). *(Nov, $2.25)*

Ultraforce is the new team book that gathers together some of the biggest names in the Ultraverse in one place. I'm not just talking about the lies of Prime, Hardcase, and Prototype—who all happen to be members of this super team—but also the likes of Gerard Jones and George Perez, who have teamed up to bring you this exciting new series. Prime Readers will find this series an essential addition to their collection, as the Rogue Prime storyline is directly affected in this book, and the villain of Prime Month, Atalon, stars in these pages. *(Sep-Nov, $1.95)*

MARVEL

Bishop, a new Marvel Select limited series featuring high-quality color separations on deluxe paper stock, pits the X-Man of the future against Mountjoy, an enemy from his past (and our future) who has the ability to absorb himself into other people. John Ostrander, Carlos Pacheco, and Cam Smith handle the creative honors for this hot new miniseries. *(Oct-Nov, $2.95)*

Doctor Strange becomes a mainline Marvel Universe title once again beginning with ***Doctor Strange #72;*** this issue kicks off a four-part storyline that will introduce major changes into the Dr. Strange mythos. By the time it's over, the status quo will be shaken up, and fans will learn the final fate of Dr. Strange, Dr. Stevens, Strange, and all his supporting cast. David Quinn and Peter Gross are determined to make Dr. Strange a major player in the Marvel Universe once again... if he lives long enough! *(Oct-Nov, $1.95)*

Fantastic Force is Marvel's newest cosmic series; the star of the team is Psi-Lord, who is also the son of Reed and Sue; the adventures capture the spirit of the Fantastic Four at their most cosmic, with a strong emphasis on personality. *(Sep-Nov, $2.95-$1.75)*

Fantastic Four #395 presents a match that no Marvel fan will want to miss as Wolverine and the Thing cross paths. Ben Grimm is pretty unhappy with the damage that Wolverine inflicted upon his face the last time they tussled, and he's out to even the score... *(Oct, $1.50)*

The Mandarin returns as a major-league villain in "Hands of the Mandarin," a six-part story arc that begins in ***Force Works*** and continues into ***War Machine and Iron Man.*** The Mandarin hopes to use his the power of his rings to return China to its pre-technology dynastic state, and it's up to the armored heroes and Force Works to stop him. *(Oct-Nov, $1.50@)*

Tales To Astonish is one of three Marvel Select format deluxe oneshots that will recreate the past glory of Marvel's long-gone split- titles from the Silver Age. Each book will team up the two heroes who were originally co-stars in the earlier incarnations of these books. In ***Tales to Astonish***, Peter David and John Estes unite Henry Pym, the Wasp, and the Hulk to combat Loki's latest threat to the world. *(Oct, $6.95).* The next volume, ***Tales of Suspense,*** unites Captain America and Iron Man in an effort to thwart DANTE, a terrorist group led by Cap's old enemy Emiel Stein. James Robinson and Colin MacNeil handle the creative honors on this 64-page Marvel Select one-shot *(Nov, $6.95).* Both books feature acetate-overlay covers similar to those featured on the ***Marvels*** limited series.

Generation X is the biggest Marvel event of the season: this new series, which picks up where the multi-part Phalanx Covenant story arc left off, introduces Marvel's newest team of teenage mutants. This time, it's Banshee and the White Queen, not Professor X, who must try to train these mutants and prepare them for their lives as superheroes... if they can survive their years at the Massachusetts Academy, that is! The first issue of this series by Scott Lobdell, Chris Bachalo, and Mark Buckingham will feature Marvel's first-ever chromium cover, making it even hotter than it might ordinarily be—if that's possible! *(Sep-Nov, $3.95 for #1, $1.95/$1.50 for subsequent issues)*

Hulk 2099 stars the green-skinned hero who was formerly the lead feature in 2099 Unlimited. In the first issue of his own monthly series, Hulk 2099 faces Draco, a new adversary who intends to take over the film company that John Eisenhart controls—and to destroy Eisenhart and the Hulk in the process, if he must. The first issue features a foil-stamped cover. *(Oct-Nov, $2.50/$1.50)*

Everything you think you know about the Hulk is about to change in ***Incredible Hulk #425***—but just what the nature of those changes is, no one is saying. We can tell you, though, that the Savage Hulk persona is returning... but if you think you can predict what's in store, then you don't know Peter David very well! This 48-page special book features a two-channel holo-clear cover and introduces the new art team of Liam Sharp and Robin Riggs. *(Nov, $3.50 for deluxe edition, $2.25 for standard edition)*

The Marvel Action Hour debuts on television this fall—and to make sure that fans don't overlook this series featuring the animated exploits of the Fantastic Four and Iron Man, several Marvel titles are being polybagged to include a special acetate print and a Marvel Action Hour 16-page insert, including ***Force Works #5, Iron Man #310, War Machine #8, and Fantastic Four #394.*** Marvel's also debuting two new titles inspired by the animated series: ***Marvel Action Hour Featuring Iron Man*** and ***Marvel Action Hour Featuring Fantastic Four.*** Both books feature new stories and art inspired by the television show. *(Sep-Nov, $2.95@ for deluxe edition, $1.50@ for subsequent issues)*

The holiday season is approaching, which means that it's time for another ***Marvel Holiday Special.*** Captain America, the X-Men, and the Thing are just some of the stars of holiday-related tales in this 64-page special that features the work of John Ostrander, Tom Mandrake, Sal Buscema, Kurt Busiek, and James Fry, among others. *(Nov, $2.95)*

Nightmare gives up his dream kingdom for the love of a woman in an eponymous four-issue limited series by Ann Nocenti , Joe Bennett, and Mike Witherby. While Nightmare is trying to redefine his life, a power struggle is underway to determine who will rule the nightmare kingdom in his absence. *(Oct-Nov, $1.95)*

Prince Valiant, a Marvel Select series featuring high-quality color separations and glossy paper stock, unites Charless Vess and John Ridgeway to present new adventures of Hal Foster's chivalrous hero. This series plays up the Arthurian elements of Prince Valiant, who carries on his shoulders the responsibility of keeping Camelot alive. *(Oct-Nov, $3.95)*

The Prowler graduates from supporting cast to miniseries star this season, thanks to Carl Potts and Bill Reinhold. But is he the hero or the villain in this series? It looks like the Prowler has been killing criminals... and it's up to the Prowler to prove that he hasn't become as corrupt as the criminals he normally combats! *(Sep-Nov, $1.75)*

The Punisher heads right into the thick of things in ***Punisher: Empty Quarter,*** a bookshelf-format one-shot by Mike Baron and Bill Reinhold. Disguised as Saracen, the Punisher heads off to a global convention of terrorists... and you can be sure that they don't spend the entire con sitting around the bar swapping tales! *(Nov, $6.95)*

Think you know all there is to know about the Punisher's origin? Think again! In ***Punisher: Year One,*** a four-issue limited series by Dan Abnett, Andy Lanning, and Dale Eaglesham, fans will learn all about the events that transformed Frank Castle into a merciless spirit of vengeance (no, not *that* spirit of vengeance!...). *(Oct-Nov, $1.95)*

At long last, ***Rogue*** gets her own limited series this fall—and it's a deluxe-format Marvel Select series to boot! Howard Mackie, Mike Wieringo, and Terry Austin present this sequel to last year's Gambit limited series. Cody, the first man Rogue ever unwittingly hurt with her powers, is kidnapped by the Assassins' Guild, and it's up to Rogue to save him. *(Nov, $2.95)*

C.S. Lewis' Screwtape Letters is a 96-page graphic novel telling the story of Lewis's acclaimed satire of human weakness. The story is told from the point of view of an older demon who is instructing his young nephew on the proper technique for corrupting the human race. Neil Gaiman supplies the foreword for this Charles E. Hall-Pat Redding adaptation. *(Oct, $9.99)*

The Silver Surfer must do battle with Mephisto to regain his own soul in ***Silver Surfer #100,*** a 48-page special issue by Ron Marz, Joe Phillips, and Jason Martin. The battle ranges from Mephisto's hell to deepest space—and you can rest assured that the Surfer won't be the same after it's all over! This special issue will be available in a deluxe edition with a two-channel hologram cover as well as a standard non-enhanced version. *(Nov, $3.95/$2.25)*

Big things are happening to Spider-Man this fall. ***Amazing Spider-Man*** and ***Spectacular Spider-Man*** will chronicle the adventures of the original web-slinger, while ***Web of Spider-Man*** and ***Spider-Man*** follow the exploits of the spider-clone. All of this is building towards a major plot twist that'll make ***Amazing Spider-Man #400*** one of the hottest books of the winter. Additionally, the November issues of all four books will feature a special sixteen-page expansion that will include a short story from the upcoming Berkley Spider-Man prose anthology. *(Sep-Nov, $1.50-$1.95@ for standard editions, $2.25@ for extra-length issue)*

Spider-Man: Friends and Enemies is a four-issue limited series by Danny Fingeroth and Ron Lim that guest-stars Darkhawk, Nova, and Speedball. This series also introduces a new group of superhuman teens, the Metahumes, who will certainly play a part in Marvel's 1995 plans. *(Nov, $1.95)*

Silvermane is back, and he wants a new body... Deathlok's! Even worse, it looks like he might get his wish unless Spider-Man can stop him! ***Spider-Man: The Power of Terror,*** a limited series by Greg Wright and Darick Robertson, will also guest-star oodles o' Marvel heroes and villains in its four-issue run. *(Nov, $1.95)*

Spider-Man get his own animated series this fall—and along with that, he gets his own comic book based on his own animated series! ***Spider-Man Adventures*** features new stories and art inspired by the tv show, beginning with the Lizard. The first issue is available in a foil-stamped-cover deluxe version and a standard edition. *(Oct-Nov, $2.95/$1.50)*

Spider-Man 2099 celebrates its twenty-fifth issue with an extra-length storyline, a foil-embossed cover, and a special preview of Hulk 2099. In this special issue by Peter David, Rick Leonardi, and Al Williamson, Miguel learns a deep secret about Conchata. *(Sep, $2.95)*

Marvel trade paperback and hardcover reprints include ***Best of Marvel 1994***, reprinting ten of the best Marvel tales from this past year in one 240-page edition *(Nov, $12.95)*; ***Cyclops: Retribution***, reprinting Bob Harras and Ron Lim's storyline from ***Marvel Comics Presents*** *(Nov, $5.95)*; ***Daredevil: Fall From Grace,*** a reprinting of the six-part storyline that's been rescheduled from the spring *(Sep, $19.95)*; ***Daredevil: Man Without Fear,*** reprinting the Frank Miller-John Romita Jr. series that chronicles Daredevil's early days *(Oct, $15.95)*; ***Greatest Battles of the X-Men,*** a 176-page edition featuring just what the name says *(Sep, $15.95)*; ***Marvels,*** reprinting the entire series by Kurt Busiek and Alex Ross, which is scheduled for both hardcover *(Sep, $34.95)* and trade paper *(Nov, $19.95)* release; ***Spider-Man: Return of the Sinister Six,*** reprinting the David Michelinie-Erik Larsen storyline that features the com-

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bined villainy of Dr. Octopus, Sandman, Mysterio, the Hobgoblin, the Vulture, and Electro *(Sep, $15.95)*; ***Spider-Man: Revenge of the Sinister Six,*** featuring Erik Larsen's sequel to the Return of the Sinister Six storyline *(Nov, $15.95)*; and ***X-Men Adventures Volume Three,*** featuring more animated series-inspired mutant adventures *(Oct, $5.95)*.

The Ultra X-Men Collection is a five-issue limited series that reprints the art from Marvel's Fleer Ultra X-Men Trading Cards in glossy-stock comic book format. This way, you can enjoy the painted artwork in almost the same size as the original paintings! *(Oct-Nov, $2.95)*

The five supposedly dead symbiotes from the first Venom limited series are back—and their return couldn't have come at a worse time for Eddie Brock. You see, he and the alien symbiote that forms his Venom personna have split up, leaving Brock on his own against some of Venom's deadliest enemies. ***Venom: Separation Anxiety*** is a new four-issue limited series by Howard Mackie and Ron Randall that just *may* be Eddie Brock's final adventure... but we wouldn't count on it... *(Oct-Nov, $2.95)*

The Vision graduates to his own limited series this fall, courtesy of Bob Harras and John Ross; the Vision is on the run, trying to overcome his Gatherer antithesis. This is the first solo series for one of the most popular Avengers. *(Sep-Nov, $1.75)*

Ann Nocenti and Mark Texeira handle the creative honors on ***Wolverine: Evilution,*** this season's Wolverine "annual." The 48-page prestige-format book pits the non-adamantium-enhanced mutants against a band of anti-technological terrorists. *(Sep, $5.95)*

Wolverine/Fury: Scorpio Rising, a new bookshelf-format comic by Howard Chaykin and Shawn McManus, places the Cosmic Key firmly in the hands of Scorpio, who hopes to use it to save his homeland. Nick Fury and Wolverine must stop him before to many innocents die as a result of the Cosmic Key's power. *(Oct, $5.95)*

Marvel's X-books are the focus of a major experiment this fall: Marvel is releasing each book in a deluxe edition, complete with glossy paper and computer-color-separations, as well as a standard edition on regular paper with flat color. The deluxe editions will be priced only 45¢ more than the standard editions, and will be available two weeks ahead of their lower-quality counterparts.

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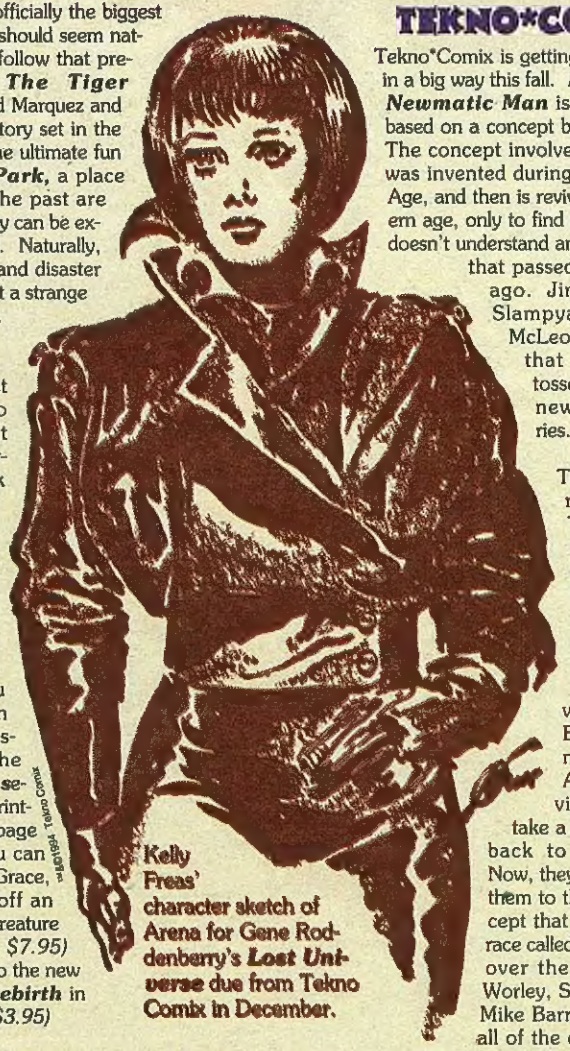
MILLENIUM

Faye Perozich is no stranger to the world of vampires, as her adaptation of Anne Rice's ***Interview With A Vampire*** shows; she's ready to put that knowledge to the task with the release of ***Bloodchilde #1***. This ambitious 24-issue series tells the story of the vampire Childe, and his journey around the world, pursued by the FBI and a troupe of people that would much rather see Childe underground for good. Perozich teams with O.J. Cariello, Steve Pugh, and Scott Rockdale to bring you this horrific new book, with the first issue sporting a red foil cover. *(Oct-Nov, $2.50)*

Walter Koenig is back. Yes, we know he wats in the latest ***Star Trek*** film, but we mean that he is back in the comics one more time. Raver returns in an all-new 2-issue series that finally reveals the origin of this powerful being from beyond. *(Nov, $2.50)*

Jurassic Park is officially the biggest film in history, so it should seem natural for a comic to follow that prehistoric path. ***The Tiger Woman.*** by Donald Marquez and Brian Buniak, is a story set in the near future where the ultimate fun park is ***Genetic Park,*** a place where all eras of the past are recreated so that they can be experienced first hand. Naturally, things go haywire, and disaster happens. As a result a strange woman is born. *(Sep-Nov, $2.95)*

If you just can't get enough vampires to keep you home at night, then you certainly should check out ***Vigil: The Mexican Trilogy.*** This reprints the three issue series as a graphic novel dealing with vampires, cops, and a vampire cop. *(Oct, $12.95)* If you want to go back even further. the early issues of ***Vigil,*** the ***Fall From Grace*** series, will also be reprinted in a special 96-page book this fall. You can learn the origin of Grace, and see her fight off an army and another creature of the night. *(Sep, $7.95)* All of this leads up to the new ***Vigil*** miniseries, ***Rebirth*** in November. *(Nov, $3.95)*



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Kelly Freas' character sketch of Arena for Gene Roddenberry's ***Lost Universe*** due from Tekno Comix in December.

Take a librarian and mix in a little bit of occult knowledge and one big demon, and you get a *wicked* recipe. ***Wicked*** is the new 4-issue miniseries by Sean Shaw that features a mild-mannered woman finding herself suddenly the host of one not-so-mild-mannered demon. *(Nov, $2.50)*

MIRAGE

If you've been wondering where Simon Bisley has gone off to, then wonder no more. ***Casey Jones & Raphael*** is the new book by ***TMNT*** co-creator Kevin Eastman and fan-fave artist Simon Bisley with Steve Lavigne. Bisley and the Raphael are both known for the same thing: a penchant for violence. So don't be surprised to see action bursting off the page. *(Oct, $2.75)*

NOW

If you were fond of the hot ***Syphons*** miniseries of last spring, then you will be glad to here that this time they didn't wait so long between series. ***Syphons: The Sygate Stratagem*** is the new series to follow up on the success of the previous ***Syphons*** book. Allan Curtis teams with artist Rich Buckler, Sr. to bring you the latest adventures of these hip, but powerful superheroes. *(October $2.95)*

OMINOUS PRESS

I've had a feeling that something like this was going to happen. Maybe it was just a gnawing at the back of my neck, but I knew that it was coming. ***Brute and Babe*** are returning in ***Saga: The Brute and Babe Trade Paperback***. The first six projects from Ominous are gathered into one volume for you to enjoy all at once. *(Nov, $14.95)*

SIRIUS

Cry For Dawn may be gone, but Joeseph Michael Linsner is still going strong. ***Angry Christ Comix*** is a special 144-page trade paperback that collects Linsner's short stories from ***Cry For Dawn*** and elsewhere, supplementing them with two brand new stories. This gives you everything that you'll need to enjoy the coming ***Dawn*** series. *(Sep, $12.95)*

SPIDERBABY GRAFIX

If dinosaurs are your thing, then Tyrant is the book for you. Stephen Bissette brings you a historical look at North America and the story of a single Tyrannosaurus Rex named ***Tyrant.*** This historical adventure series will contain exciting moments of action and plenty of historical information. *(Sep-Nov, $2.95)*

TEKNO*COMIX

Tekno*Comix is getting in the comics in a big way this fall. ***Mr. Hero-The Newmatic Man*** is the new book based on a concept by Neil Gaiman. The concept involves a robot who was invented during the Victorian Age, and then is revived in the modern age, only to find a world that he doesn't understand and a technology that passed him by years ago. Jim Vance, Ted Slampyak, and Bob McLeod take the ball that Gaiman has tossed them in this new ongoing series. *(Nov, $1.95)*

The other initial release from Tekno*Comix is based on a concept by Leonard Nimoy. ***Primortals*** is the story of a race of aliens who come to Earth to meet man—again. Ages ago, aliens visited Earth to take a few specimens back to their world. Now, they want to return them to their home—except that now a strange race called man has taken over the globe. Kate Worley, Scot Eaton, and Mike Barreiro bring you all of the conflict. This, too, is the first issue in an ongoing series. *(Nov, $1.95)*

TOPPS

The latest ***Cadillacs and Dinosaurs*** story from Topps will arrive in September. ***The Wild Ones*** is the 3-issue miniseries of the roughest and toughest biker gang in the Xenozoic age. This group of women are as tough as they come, and none are tougher than Big Red—and Big Red has her eye set on Jack Tenrec. *(Sep-Nov, $2.50)*

He may be crude and obnoxious, but he ain't going to be nobodies pate. ***Duckman*** is the new comic based on the hit series from the USA Network. Everything starts with the William S. Burroughs parody, The Naked Duck. Don't ask, just read. *(Nov, $2.50)* Of course, it isn't enough to have just one series in this day and age, so November will also see the release of ***Duckman: The Mob Frog Saga.*** This is a 3-issue miniseries by Stefan Petrucha and Jay Lynch that pits the wiles of Duckman against the terror of the Frog...I mean, Mob... as Duckmanis hired to protect the heir to the Mob Frog empire. *(Nov, $2.50)*

Topps is well known for their adaptations of hit movies. In fact, one of their first was the ***Dracula*** film from a couple years back, so shouldn't it seem natural that they are also handling the honors for ***Frankenstein?*** The official adaptation of ***Mary Shelley's Frankenstein*** by Roy Thomas, Rafael Kayanan, and Rick Magyar will hit the stands in October. I think that you might already know the plot... *(Oct-Nov, $2.95)*

The heat between Lady Rawhide and Zorro reaches a boil in ***Zorro #s 9-11***, coming out this Fall, for one of the most enjoyable pulp adventures on the market. This three-part story featuring Lady Rawhide is sure to set thermometers over their limits everywhere, as Don McGregor, Hearn Cho, and Andy Mushynsky bring you more action than you can hide under a sheet. The red-hot cover by Julie Bell is sure to get your attention. *(Sep-Nov, $2.50)*

VALIANT

The Chaos Effect isn't as "over" as you might think, because this fall ***The Chaos Effect Epilogue*** hits the stands. This two part story will reveal not only the after-effects of The Chaos Effect, but will shock readers with some of the biggest surprises of the entire series.The focus of the story is on Magnus, and his journey into his past, our present. *(Sep, $2.95@)*

If you've been around forever, then there are bound to be a lot of stories that you can tell, or

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that can be told about you. In November, one of the stories from eh past of The Eternal Warrior surfaces in ***The Eternal Warrior 1994 Yearbook***. Rob Johnson and Peter Grau bring you a swashbuckling story of the rogue Gilad on the high seas in the early 1700's. Featuring the Immortal Enemy, that foe with the descriptive name. *(Nov, $3.95)*

Magnus' journey into he past, or rather his visit to our present (or however you want to look at it) continues into the pages of ***Harbinger #s 36*** and ***#37.*** Magnus teams up with Zepplin, who is trying to find her parents in order to insure his future. How is this? Well, Zepplin may be a *little* more important than you thought she was... *(Oct, $2.50)*

The heroes in ***Harbinger*** will play host to an important new guest in the near future. His name is, appropriately enough, The Harbinger, and he makes his first appearance in the pages of ***Harbinger Files #2.*** The Harbinger is the ultimate weapon of The Harbinger Foundation; a genetically engineered warrior with unstoppable power. Now if only he was stable enough to be safe, things would be okay. *(Oct, $2.50)*

Acclaimed writer Mike Baron is taking the reins of ***HARD Corps*** this September; Baron isn't known for taking things slowly, so this time he kicks things off with a bang as a member of HARD Corps turns traitor, leading the rest of the team on a soul-searching twelve-issue quest. *(Sep-Nov, $2.25)*

One of the books that started it all is back for another round. The first four issues of the ***Magnus, The Steel Nation*** storyline, are being collected into a trade paperback. This terrific story by Jim Shooter and Art Nichols introduces Tekla, and begins what has become an entire universe of Valiant tradition. To follow it up, Valiant will be releasing the next four issue of ***Magnus*** in another trade paperback. Issues 4-8 of Magnus contain the first appearance, and the complete versions of Rai, the book that appeared on the flipside of these early ***Magnus*** issues. *(Oct-Nov, $9.95@)*

The tradition of quality annuals continues in September with the release of the ***Shadowman Yearbook #1***. Mike Baron brings a tale of the previous Shadowman, Maxwell St. James, who teams with Armstrong (sans Archer) to fight to save human sacrifices from the Edwardian London's Cult of Asmodeus. This is an extra length thrill ride from the history of the Valiant universe. *(Sep, $3.95)*

If you picked up the ***Solar: Alpha and Omega*** trade paperback a few months ago, then you are primed and ready to get your copy of the ***Solar, Man of the Atom*** trade paperback. This collection reprints ***Solar #s 1-4,*** and features the first appearance of Erica Pierce, the MotherGod from ***Unity.*** *(Sep, $9.95)*

If you thought that you knew the *whole* story, then you were only fooling yourself. ***Unity: The Lost Chapters*** tells the stories that happened between the issues, behind the lines, or beyond our sight. The first issue in this new series focuses on X-O, and what happened to him after he was nearly bitten in half by a rampant T-Rex. *(Oct. $3.95)*

You've been seeing the ads everywhere, and now you get to discover just who the Visitor is, and what his plans are for the Valiant Universe—and from the sounds of things, they might not be pleasant. ***Visitor vs. The Valiant Universe*** is a two issue miniseries that sets the stage for the ongoing ***Visitor*** series in December. The Visitor is an ultra-powerful being who has the ability to block the mind of Toyo Harada... and as you might suspect, Harada finds that most disturbing. This causes a two issue fight that brings in most every character in the Valiant Universe, all of whom get to discover the Visitor for the first time themselves. Kevin VanHook and Brian Hitch team up to bring you all of the action. Both chapters of this series will ship in November. *(Nov, $2.95@)*

X-O Manowar is going to have a busy Thanksgiving. All through the month of November, ***X-O Manowar*** will be shipping on a weekly schedule. That means issues #37-40 will be arriving in the same month. It's all part of The Wolfbridge Affair, the story that takes Randy, Aric's truest confidante, back to her roots in he Canadian Secret Service. Big changes are in store for X-O by the time this story arc is completed. *(November $2.25@)*

VEROTIK

The first appearance of Satanika, the new character from Glen Danzig and Simon Bisley, will happen in the pages of ***Verotika #1.*** You can also look for work by acclaimed novelists Rex Miller and Nancy Collins in this same issue. This is a mature readers title, so be prepared. *(Oct, $2.95)*

Satanika graduates to her own mature-readers comic in December as Glen Danzig and Duke Mighten combine their talents to bring you her adventures. Half demon and half human, Satanika is a creature with no knowledge of who or what she is, but born of enough power to do incredible good—or evil. *(Nov, $2.95)*

VIZ

The hard to find issues of the second ***Battle Angel Alita*** miniseries are collected into one volume this fall. ***Battle Angel Alita: Tears of an Angel*** reprints the smash story by Yukito Kishiro for everyone to enjoy. *(Oct, $15.95)*

Following up on the success of projects like the ***Mobile Suit Gundam*** series, Viz is set to release ***Dirty Pair Anime Comics*** this Fall. This five issue miniseries presents the story from the first few episodes of the acclaimed television series using actual animation cels. There are 48-pages of destructive hilarity in every issue. If you've been wondering why everyone talks about the series so much, then pick this up and find out why. *(Sep-Nov, $4.95)*

The second series of the ***Guyver*** comic is set to start in October. Yoshiki Takaya's ***Bio-Booster Armor Guyver Part Two*** picks up right where part one left off for a new six issue run. *(Oct-Nov, $2.75)*

Ultra writer James Hudnall is moving over to cover the events of space. ***Macross II: The Micron Conspiracy*** is the new series by Hudnall and Schulhoff Tam that investigates the relationship between the Earth and the Zentraedi. Hudnall is well known for his science-fiction experience, and this Robotech related series will give him an appreciative audience. *(Nov, $2.75)*

There is a legend that says when a mortal eats of the flesh of a mermaid, he will gain immortality. There is another legend that says immortality isn't all that it is cracked up to be. So what's Rumiko Takahashi's view on this issue?... You can find out in ***Mermaid Forest***, a 256-page graphic novel reprinting the comics series. *(Nov, $16.95)*

WARP

Comics have often been considered a medium aimed at children—and in the case of this new ***Elfquest*** book, that's right on target. ***Elfquest: Bedtime Stories*** is a hardcover collection of five tales designed to be enjoyed by the children's market. Each of the stories puts a new spin on a classic fairy tale, in a decidedly Elfquest manner. Two of the stories done for this volume are new and unique to this book, making this not only a great present for the holiday season, but a must have for the hard-core Elfquest collector. *(Oct, $19.95)*

If you ever read any of them, then you already know about the ***Elfquest Gatherums.*** You also know that they haven't been available for years—until now. ***Elfquest: The Big Gatherum*** collects all of the previous materials from the Gatherums, and adds all-new material so that you can get a behind the scenes look at these cult favorite fantasy series. This is the ultimate reference fro Elfquest fans, now available for the first time in a 352-page hardcover edition. *(Nov, $19.95)*

All Elfquest series are alike, right? Wrong. ***Elfquest: Jink*** is the story of the World of Two Moons hundreds of years after the time of Cutter and his kin, only now the world is called Abode. The world is suffering from a case of alien invasion, and the only solution rests in the hands of a woman called Jink. Its a different type of Elfquest by John Ostrander and David Boller. *(November $2.25)*

Following in the same path as Jink, ***Elfquest: Rebels*** is another futuristic view of the Elfquest universe. This time out, a group of young adventurers are looking for the fabled elves that disappeared from Abode many years ago, but they aren't ready for what they find. This series guest-stars Jink. *(Nov, $2.25)*

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